

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Homeland Security		2019	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee		43006	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	04/11/2019	04/11/2021	
8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
No			
9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
46 U.S.C. 7115	10/15/2010	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear		
17a. Open 0	17b. Closed 0	17c. Partially Closed 0	Other Activities 0
17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0			
No Meetings			

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00

19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)

0.00 0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee (MEDMAC) shall advise the Secretary of Department Homeland Security on matters related to: (A) medical certification determinations for issuance of licenses, certificates of registry, and merchant mariner documents; (B) medical standards and guidelines for physical qualifications of operators of commercial vessels; (c) medical examiner education; and (D) medical research. MEDMAC will provide a forum for development, communication, and consideration of expert-based and scientific recommendations. MEDMAC will be responsible for specific assignments and may conduct studies, inquiries in consultation with individuals and groups in the private sector and/or state and local government jurisdictions.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The committee shall have 10 members who are health-care professionals with particular expertise, knowledge, or experience regarding medical examinations of merchant mariners or occupational medicine. Additionally, the committee shall have four members who are professional mariners with knowledge and experience in mariners' occupational requirements.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

In FY 2018, MEDMAC held three full committee meetings.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

A joint consensus process involving the Coast Guard, medical and health care experts, and maritime community stakeholders is the optimal method to develop mariner medical and fitness competency criteria and to provide recommendations for policy/regulation development.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A - All meetings in FY 2018 were open.

21. Remarks

Committee is continued until September 30, 2020 in the Coast Guard Authorization Bill of 2010.

Designated Federal Officer

Mayte Medina Chief, Office of Merchant Mariner Credentialing (CG-MMC)

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bourgeois, Brian	08/08/2011	04/03/2022	Medical Professional	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Brock, Louise	04/18/2014	04/18/2019	Medical Professional	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Camenzuli, Danielle	04/03/2017	04/03/2022	Medical Professional	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Christman, Elizabeth	04/18/2014	04/18/2019	Professional Mariner	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Karentz, Lesley	08/08/2011	04/03/2022	Medical Professional	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lefkowitz, Rafael	04/03/2017	04/03/2022	Medical Professional	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Manthey, Joy	04/03/2017	04/03/2022	Professional Mariner	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mignogna, Joseph	04/18/2014	04/18/2019	Medical Professional	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Reasoner, Margaret	01/23/2013	04/18/2019	Professional Mariner	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Reiblein, Emily	04/03/2017	04/03/2022	Medical Professional	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Russell, Brooke	04/03/2017	04/03/2022	Medical Professional	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schaub, Eric	04/18/2014	04/18/2019	Medical Professional	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Upender, Raghu	04/18/2014	04/18/2019	Medical Professional	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 13

Narrative Description

MEDMAC serves as a nationally standing board of medical specialists and maritime representatives who provide expert medical advice to the Coast Guard. MEDMAC also reviews work from other medical advisory boards to recommend uniform guidelines for merchant mariner medical/functional fitness.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

175

Number of Recommendations Comments

Until the end of FY 2017 MEDMAC counted the completion of a task as 1 recommendation. However, to be consistent with the other advisory committee managed by the same office, MEDMAC has adopted a similar accounting method for recommendations. Therefore, beginning with FY18, MEDMAC began counting individual recommendations. A review of the previously closed tasks showed that 124 individual recommendations had been made from the start of MEDMAC to the end of FY17. In FY18 fifty-one individual recommendations were made. This brings the adjusted total to 175 individual recommendations to the end of FY18.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

60%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Recommendations accepted and/or in process of being developed.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

40%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

We have considered MEDMAC recommendations in our current policy re-write and

regulation project.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

For regulatory matters and policy matters we provide feedback in the preamble to the federal register notice as each final rule or policy is published . We also provide feedback in briefings to the Committee.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

We are in the process of revising our current medical regulations and policy. MEDMAC recommendations are considered during this process.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Documents are posted on the Coast Guard Homeport website for Committee and public access.